

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 26 are pending in the present application.

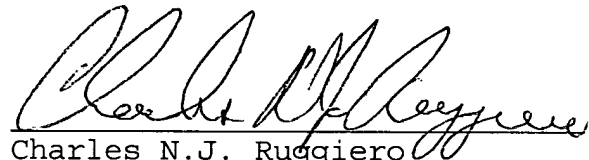
In response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2003 for the above-identified application, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, that is, claims 1 through 13, drawn to a flexible tubing classified in class 428, subclass 35.7. Claims 14 to 26 are hereby withdrawn. Applicants' election is made with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing election is responsive to the restriction requirement as set forth in the Action. An action on the merits of the elected claims is therefore respectfully requested, as is the allowance thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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